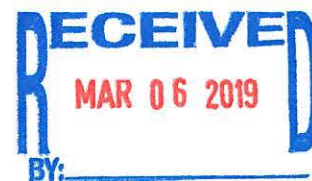




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Dear Gentlemen:

This letter responds to your November 6, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking records relating to rules for the use of force or rules of engagement for the Southwest US border support mission, formerly known as Operation Faithful Patriot, from October 12, 2018 to the present.

A thorough search of this office's records found responsive documents originating from US Army North. These documents, however, were not created, controlled, or modified by this office, and this office is not the records custodian for the documents. This office is not in the best position to review the documents or approve their release under FOIA.

Per 32 CFR Part 286.7(d), DoD FOIA Program, this office has coordinated with and forwarded the responsive documents to the US Army North FOIA Office for review and inclusion in the US Army North response to this request, as that DoD component is best able to determine whether to disclose the record.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request, you have the right to contact the Army FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Alecia Bolling, by email at us.army.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@mail.mil, or by phone at (703) 428-6238.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: NARA-OGIS, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov, telephone number (202) 741-5770 (toll free at (877) 684-6448), or by facsimile (202) 741-5769.

Otherwise, you may appeal this determination, within 90 days of the date of this letter, through this office to the Secretary of the Army, ATTN: Office of the General Counsel, Room 3C546, 104 Army Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310-0104.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DKicza', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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